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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Jagadishwar Rao Samala |
| DENNIS ROWE ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 1618 |
| Application No.: 10/739,451 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 9345 |
| Filed: December 17, 2003 |) | |
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| For: CHEWABLE SOFT CAPSULES |) | |
| CONTAINING UNGELATINIZED | : | |
| STARCH |) | January 21, 2009 |

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introduction

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2008, for two (2) months, from November 20, 2008, to January 20, 2009. The extension fee has been submitted electronically herewith via Deposit Account No. 50-3939. Any overpayment or underpayment should be charged to or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2008, the period for response having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement accompany this paper. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.